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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

Proposed Information Collection Activity; Comment Request

Proposed Projects:

Title: Federal Tax Offset, Administrative Offset, and Passport Denial

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The Federal Tax Offset, Administrative Offset, and Passport Denial programs collect past-due child support by intercepting certain federal payments, including federal tax refunds, of parents who have been ordered to pay child support and who are behind in paying the debt. The program is a cooperative effort among the Department of the Treasury's Financial Management Service, the federal Office of Child Support Enforcement (OCSE), and state child support enforcement (CSE) agencies. The Passport Denial program reports noncustodial parents who owe child support above a threshold to the Department of State, which will then deny passports to these individuals. On an ongoing basis, CSE agencies submit to OCSE the names, Social Security numbers, and the amount(s) of past-due child support of people who are delinquent in making child support payments.

Respondents: State IV-D Agencies

ANNUAL BURDEN ESTIMATES

Instrument	Number of Respondents	Number of Responses per Respondent	Average Burden Hours per Response	Total Burden Hours
Input Record	54	52	.3	842.4
Output Record	54	52	.46	1291.7
Payment File	54	52	.135	379.1
Certification Letter	54	1	.4	21.6
SSP FCE Processing screens – State and Federal Workers	146	337	.008	393.2
Total				2,928

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 2,928 hours

In compliance with the requirements of Section 506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Administration for Children and Families is soliciting public comment on the specific aspects of the information collection described above. Copies of the proposed collection of information can be obtained and comments may be forwarded by writing to the Administration for Children and Families, Office of Planning, Research and Evaluation, 370 L'Enfant Promenade, SW., Washington, DC 20447, Attn: ACF Reports Clearance Officer. E-mail address: infocollection@acf.hhs.gov. All requests should be identified by the title of the information collection.

The Department specifically requests comments on: (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Consideration will be given to comments and suggestions submitted within 60 days of this publication.

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